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from his bed, assisted by a devoted and accomplished daughter; he seldom left his house, except to pass the last two winters in the milder climate of Italy. Last summer, having finished his Arctic Fossil Flora, in the hope of recruiting his exhausted strength he was removed to the most sheltered spot on the shores of the Lake of Geneva, but without benefit. He died at Lausanne, at his brother's house, on the 27th of September, 1883. It has been well said of him, in a tribute which a personal friend and fellow naturalist paid to his memory, that "a man more lovable, more sympathetic, and a life more laborious and pure, one could scarcely imagine."

Heer was elected into the Academy in May, 1877. He is botanically commemorated in a genus of beautiful Melastomaceous plants, indigenous to Mexico.

FRANÇOIS-AUGUSTE-ALEXIS MIGNET.

FRANÇOIS-AUGUSTE-ALEXIS MIGNET, whose name was added to our Foreign Honorary roll in 1876, died in Paris on the 24th of March last, at eighty-eight years of age. He had lived to be the senior member of the Institute of France, having been admitted to the Académie Française in 1836, and to the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences as early as 1832. Of this latter Academy he was, at his death, the Honorary Perpetual Secretary, after more than forty years of active service in that distinguished office. His discourses at the annual meetings of this Academy, as published from year to year, contain admirable sketches of the lives and characters of the eminent members with whom he was associated, and who had died before him. Talleyrand, De Tocqueville, Victor Cousin, and De Broglie, of France; Ancillon and Savigny, of Germany; Brougham and Macaulay, of England; and Edward Livingstone, of our own land, — were among the subjects of his brilliant *éloges*. But he was the author of larger and more substantial works of history and biography. In 1824 he published a notable History of the great French Revolution of 1789, and this was followed, from time to time, by many volumes relating to "The Spanish Succession," "The Abdication of Charles V.," "The Rivalry of Charles V.," and other topics of general historical interest. A charming biography of Marie Stuart, and an excellent little Life of Benjamin Franklin, were also among the productions of his pen. He was a man of great accomplishments and many personal attractions, an eloquent speaker and a fine writer, and he will long be remembered as one of the most valuable and honored members of the Institute of France.